

FY2015 CHNA&HIP Progress Report

Winneshiek County

Community Health Improvement Plan

GOAL	Strategies	Progress on Strategies
Increase the accessibility to dental care as reported by persons by 2%.	1. Continue to encourage WIC contractor holder to have dental hygienist available at all WIC clinic sites.	A dental hygienist remains present at WIC clinics. Potential future budget challenges may put this in jeopardy.
	2. Link clients to nearby colleges that may provide such a service often at a reduced fee (used for clinical/trainings for students).	Agency does have a listing of area colleges that are accepting of training clients. These schools do provide limited services, basically cleaning, but does so at a reduced fee. Currently no dentist in Winneshiek County is willing to take clients with Medicaid.
	3. Encourage use of Mission of Mercy for those in need.	

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Establish a program that will help to stabilize persons in need of assistance/experiencing a crisis but who do not need a committal process as evidenced by a decrease in the number of committals.	1. Collaborate with community partners to develop ROSC/ROSA program.	The ROSA program no longer exists. The local hospital no longer provides for a 23 hour hold for potential committals. Availability of beds is a challenge statewide. Unsure of impact of closing Mental Health facilities (Gov. Branstad's plan) on those needing mental health services.
	2. Develop a crisis plan for all mental health clients.	Agency staff have been working with mental health professionals to secure a copy of each agency mental health client's emergency crisis plan. Agency staff have contacted case managers to ensure a crisis plan is in place. Lack of consistency in ensuring the crisis plan is in agency files.
	3. Maintain a listing of available mental health facilities and counseling centers in the area.	Agency staff are consolidating lists, especially since the Regionalization of Mental Health services, to post internally.

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Empower the community to increase the awareness of Healthy Homes Initiatives.	1. Provide educational literature at the county courthouse.	Space is limited at the County Courthouse. Agency uses website, paid advertising and word of mouth to create awareness.
	2. Provide educational series for the public to learn about these topics via newspaper articles or face-to-face meetings.	not done. Agency will look into this avenue through possible use of web-based news services and local newspapers or newsletters. Much is currently done through word of mouth.
	3. Continue to offer radon kits.	Agency continues to sell radon kits, although sales are declining due to increased availability of radon kits elsewhere. Has a registered nurse occasionally available to educate the general public on the importance of testing, interpretation of test results and affordable and effective mitigation methods.
	4. Consider seeking involvement of Winneshiek Energy District.	The Winneshiek Energy District is comprised of licensed contractors and thus, are required to have necessary training.

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Increase awareness to Winneshiek County residents on the availability of services for Infant, Child and Family Health as evidenced by an increase in the number of requests for brochures and/or an increase in the number of general public to agency seeking information.	1. Develop a repository site for programming information.	Need to re-examine possibility of revamping an earlier brochure to reflect changes that have occurred. Need time and a person to do this.
	2. Collaborate with corporate workplace wellness sites for referrals.	not done. Plan to use a graduate student to develop some worksite wellness programming for county employees, starting with Agency staff.
	3. Ensure that education is available at WIC clinics, churches and medical clinics.	dependent upon getting brochure updated. WIC staff and churches are good to contact local public health with issues and questions.
	4. Develop a marketing campaign creating awareness of services available at Winneshiek County Public Health.	Agency does paid and sponsored radio spots to help talk about the varied programming available at the agency. Not all agency staff are good salespeople. Plan to have a brainstorming session to develop a plan. Will work with RCHC to develop a strategic plan for the BOH and staff to determine Agency priorities.

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Create awareness of programs that may assist families that have no insurance or for those that do not qualify for insurance.	1. Develop a marketing campaign creating awareness of services available at Winneshiek County Public Health.	Agency does radio spots and news articles as requested and also does paid and sponsored radio ads to discuss current topics/trends/issues and create awareness of available programming.
	2. Collaborate with corporate workplace wellness sites for referrals.	not done.
	3. Support the Decorah Area Free Clinic pursuit of becoming a Community Care Center, pending funding.	The Decorah Area Free Clinic is no longer pursuit of a Community Care Center.

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Assess county transportation deficits.	1. Encourage and seek pursuit of grant opportunities for funding related to perceived and reported transportation needs.	NEICAC now has EARL in addition to regular transit. Funding for EARL is only for one year and is dependent upon use. EARL runs a regular route and is available to anyone needing a ride.
	2. Conduct a survey in clinic settings to determine the anticipated need for increased transpiration services and among homecare agency clients.	No new survey has been done.

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Establish a county plan for disposal of hazardous waste products such as paint, oil, etc., so that the general public expresses knowledge about available site (currently only at Howard-Mitchell landfill).	1. Coordinate with Winneshiek County Recycling (formerly Spectrum Recycling) for a residential county-wide clean up day(s) to be offered annually at a minimum.	Winneshiek County Recycling has a high participation in the recycling program. Winneshiek County Recycling sponsors a county-wide cleanup day at least annually. They are now working on becoming certified in Household Hazardous waste.
	2. Provide education on specifics of what and where some items can be recycled, such as CFLs.	Winneshiek County Recycling maintains a list and posts it in many places. They also do radio PSAs and stays in the news on needed updates as necessary.

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Continue/increase plugging of abandoned wells and replacement or update of onsite wastewater systems as evidenced by the number of requests received by County Sanitarian.	1. Inform and educate the public, owners and contractors about water wells, drinking water, and septic systems.	This continues to be necessary to provide education as owners change.
	2. Encourage loop-hole closure of the Master Matrix by legislature.	At this time there are no plans to address any issues with Time of Transfer sales.